

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

AND

SCHOOL BOARD

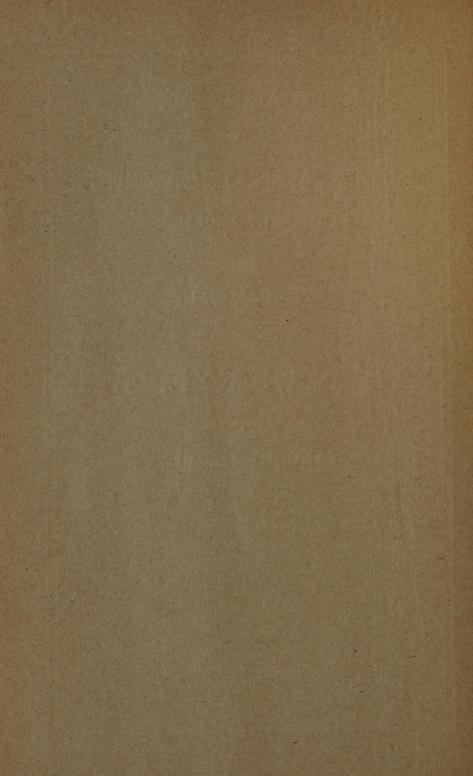
OF THE

TOWN OF RYE, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

JANUARY 31, 1919

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ANNUAL REPORTS

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Town Officers

Moderator, NEWELL P. MARDEN.

Town Clerk, BLAKE H. RAND.

Selectmen,

NEWELL P. MARDEN,

ELMER W. CASWELL.

ALBERT H. DRAKE,

Treasurer,
FREDERICK D. PARS

Frederick D. Parsons.

Tax Collector,
JOSEPH H. DRAKE.

Representative, H. Russell Sawyer.

Cemetery Trustees

LEWIS H. Foss,

SHIRLEY S. PHILBRICK, ALFRED C. PHILBRICK.

School Board,

MRS. AGNES E. PERKINS,

WILLARD M. JENNESS.

WALLACE S. Goss,

School Treasurer,
Frederick D. Parsons.
Janitor of Town Hall,
Blake L. Ramsdell.

Supervisors,

WALTER G. MARSTON,

Joseph H. Drake.

ARTHUR A. JENNESS,

Road Agent, N. Sherman Rand.

CHARLES M. REMICK,

Library Trustees,

WILLIAM H. LOCKE,

HELEN F. PHILBRICK.

Police,

E. E. RAMSDELL,

C. O. PHILBRICK.

A. A. JENNESS,

Health Officer, Dr. H. A. White.

Auditors,

A. R. H. Foss,

Fire Warden, Charles D. Locke. R. JENNESS LOCKE,

Selectmen's Report

For the year ending January 31, 1919

INVOICE

Polls, 279	
Land and buildings	.\$1,441,896.00
Horses, 199	. 20,579.00
Oxen, 4	
Cows, 344	. 19,920.00
Neat stock, 30	
Sheep, 12	. 60.00
Fowl	
Vehicles and automobiles	
Boats and launches	
Wood and lumber	13,360.00
Stock in public funds	
Stock in banks	
Money on hand	
Stock in trade	
Aqueducts, etc.	5,000.00
Mills	2,900.00
Total valuation	\$1,550,250.00
Amount of veteran exemption	\$5,050.00
Tax rate, \$15.90 on \$1,0	
Precinct rate, \$5.00 on \$	\$1,000.00
Total amount of taxos	\$25 207 26

EXPENDITURES State tax, balance due over receipts \$182.67 \$4,056.59 TOWN POOR C. D. Garland, groceries for Clara Brown ... \$8.75 G. P. Goss, wood for Clara Brown 6.00 \$14.75TOWN HALL H. P. Montgomery, rent of piano\$10.00 R. C. L. & P. Co., lighting service..... 2.52 R. C. L. & P. Co., lighting service..... 7.00 R. C. L. & P. Co., lighting service..... 4.28 C. E. Walker & Co., coal 13.95 B. L. Ramsdell, services as Janitor 40.00H. P. Montgomery, rent of piano..... 10.00 F. H. Rand, teaming coal 2.75 R. C. L. & P. Co., lighting service..... 2.35 H. P. Montgomery, rent of piano..... 10.00 R. C. L. & P. Co., lighting service..... 8.34 21.38 H. P. Montgomery, rent of piano 10.00 A. H. Drake, teaming coal..... 4.00 B. L. Ramsdell, services as Janitor 60.00 R. C. L. & P. Co., lighting service..... 8.65 B. L. Ramsdell, wood..... 28.00 A. H. Drake, teaming coal..... 4.00 B. L. Ramsdell, services as Janitor 50.00\$297,22

SALARIES

F. D. Parsons, Treasurer	\$25.00
B. H. Rand, Clerk	
C. O. Philbrick, Police	10 . 00
Supervisors	
J. H. Drake, Collector	
J. H. Drake, Precinct Collector	
Selectmen	
Auditors	
A. A. Jenness, Police	
E. E. Ramsdell, Police	
DOADD OF HEAT	\$594.50
BOARD OF HEAL	
Dr. H. A. White, services	
Dr. H. A. White, services	
A. H. Drake, supplies for C. W. Yeaton	
quarantine	10.44
NOTE PAID	
First National Bank	
HIGHWAYS	
N. Sherman Rand	\$6,735.03
WINTER LABOR	
Edward E. Ramsdell	\$154.07
STATE HIGHWA	Y
Town's share of maintenance	\$348.79
SCHOOL EXPENS	
Dog tax	\$152.80
School appropriation	
Text books and supplies	400.00
High School tuition	1,580.00
Flags and appurtenances	15.00
School Board and Officers	
Current expenses	3,000 . 00
Note and interest	315.00

Superintendent's salary	\$265.12	
Literary fund	113.10	
	\$8,	737.52
MISCELLANEOUS		
John Templeton, printing town reports	\$94.00	
N. P. Marden, express and postage	4.94	
First National Bank, interest	205.00	
J. W. Berry, Memorial Day appropriation.	20.00	
First National Bank, interest	45.84	
First National Bank, interest	27.50	
C. E. Trafton, Treasurer's bond	18.00	
Herald Publishing Co., notice	1.50	
A. R. H. Foss, printing	3.00	
First National Bank, interest	22.00	
N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Co., use of		
telephone	1.00	
Town of North Hampton, tax	.67	
N. P. Marden, copying inventory, etc	6.00	
First National Bank, interest	18.34	
C. E. Trafton, Collector's bond	18.00	
E. C. Eastman, Collector's book	2.30	
First National Bank, interest	5.50	
A. C. Philbrick, care of hearse	41.00	
G. A. Trafton, labor on hearse	3.00	
Horace A. Locke, land for cemetery	650.00	
First National Bank, interest	205.00	
C. D. Locke, fire expenses	17.28	
Mrs. D. J. Parsons, meals for Election Officers	23.00	
First National Bank, interest on note	8.33	
G. P. Goss, Election Officer	4.00	
J. W. Jenness, Special Police	8.00	
J. W. Jenness, Election Officer	4.00	
W. S. Goss, Election Officer	4.00	
W. L. Marden, Election Officer	4.00	
N. P. Marden, expenses of Assessors and		
Collector attending state meeting	16.80	
T. W. Parsons, storing road machine	4.00	

D. J. Parsons, care of hearse A. A. Jenness, Police services A. C. Philbrick, care of hearse E. E. Ramsdell, Police services C. D. Locke, services as Fire Warden J. H. Drake, discount on taxes J. H. Drake, abatements Selectmen, jury, precinct, etc. F. D. Parsons, postage	33.00 15.00 5.40 5.00 1,084.45 33.85 120.00 1.00
RECAPITULATION	\$2,802.70
Balance due on state tax	\$182.67
County tax	3,873.92
Town poor	14.75
Town Hall	297.22
Library	650.00
Salaries	594.50
Board of Health	102.89
Highways and bridges	6,735.03
Winter labor	154.07
Schools	8,737.52
Miscellaneous	2,802.70
Notes	1,000.00
State highway maintenance	348.79

\$25,494.06

NEWELL P. MARDEN, ALBERT H. DRAKE, ELMER W. CASWELL, Selectmen of Rye.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correct and properly vouched.

A. R. H. FOSS, R. JENNESS LOCKE, Auditors.

Treasurer's Report

For the Fiscal Year Ending January 31, 1919

Receipts
Amount in treasury, Jan. 31, 1918 \$206.36
From J. H. Drake, Collector taxes, 1914 10.38
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" " " " 1010 24 99
", ", ", " " 1918 248.20 " 1918 24,688.69
From State, Board of Excise Commissioners 1.31
One half forest fire bill 2.82
Town Clerk, dog licenses 172.80
Peddlers' licenses 8.00
T. H. Perkins, Janitor Town Hall 5.00
B. L. Ramsdell, Janitor Town Hall . 80.00
\$25,511.98
Expenditures
Paid on Selectmen's orders
Cash on hand
\$25,511.98
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT WITH STATE
State tax
Special tax assessed by Highway Commission 305.00
Received from state:
Savings Bank tax
Railroad tax
Insurance tax
Literary fund
Proportion of school fund
\$3,106.33
Balance paid
\$3,289.00

Demands Against the Town	ı
Note to First National Bank, Portsmouth,	
dated June 9, 1914	\$2,000.00
Note to First National Bank, Portsmouth,	
dated February 15, 1915	300.00
Note to First National Bank, Portsmouth,	,
dated February 16, 1916	1,700.00
Note to First National Bank, Portsmouth,	
dated April 29, 1916	1,000.00
Note to First National Bank, Portsmouth,	
dated May 29, 1916	1,600.00
Note to First National Bank, Portsmouth,	
dated December 11, 1916	
Due the County	
	\$8,350.00
Due the Town	
From J. H. Drake, Collector taxes, 1914 .	
J. H. Drake, Collector taxes, 1915 .	
J. H. Drake, Collector taxes, 1916 .	62.07
J. H. Drake, Collector taxes, 1917	
J. H. Drake, Collector taxes, 1918.	
the County	109.43
	\$944.03
Cash on hand`	17.92

FREDERICK D. PARSONS, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correct and properly vouched.

A. R. H. FOSS, R. JENNESS LOCKE, Auditors.

\$961.95

Report of Highway Agent

Summer Labor on Highways

N. S. Rand	\$646.16
E. B. Odiorne	297.00
E. P. Clark	168.75
E. E. Chick	223.75
P. N. Farrell	42.00
C. W. Lang	15.75
A. A. Odiorne	39.00
S. G. Smart	7.50
W. W. Odiorne	1.50
C. W. Caswell	10.50
G. F. Haynes	34.50
R. H. Trefethen	19.50
J. O. Berry	15.75
Joseph Becker	1.50
J. H. Perkins	10.00
C. O. Philbrick	8.00
Frank Foss	9.00
F. D. Parsons	3.00
Shirley Brown	9.00
F. H. Rand	25.50
W. S. Goss	18.00
A. C. Philbrick	48.50
C. M. Remick	21.30
E. H. Drake	82.50
F. G. Brown, gravel	1.60
W. L. Marden	138.00
A. E. Drake	12.00
G. H. Brown	18.00
J. E. Odiorne	31.50
Frank Sleeper	87.00
P. M. Rand	36.00
R. D. Rawding	3.00
E. S. Sawyer	2.25

Albert Rand	\$97.50
H. S. Rand	117.40
W. M. Jenness	31.50
Morris Garland	1.50
Frank Peek	36.00
C. D. Garland	17.80
E. J. Rand	112.50
I. W. Brown, pipe	44.10
S. S. Philbrick, gravel	8.25
H. R. Sawyer, gravel	7.75
A. E. Locke, axles for crusher	30.00
Good Roads Machinery Co., grate and re-	
pairs	17.15
Drag	25.00
Parts for machine	22.78
R. L. Costello, edge for machine	11.86
Muchemore & Ryder Co., hardware	3.45
Pryor-Davis Co., branding iron	3.00
A. G. Brewster, printing notices	2,50
G. D. Witham, sheet iron	2.80
G. A. Trafton, iron work	1.90
Sugden Brothers, cement and pipe	6.36
Littlefield Lumber Co., cement	2.70
S. S. Philbrick, pavement plow	40.00
	and the second second
	\$2,731.11
Rye Harbor and Locke's Neck R	Roads
Irving Brown, dynamite, etc	\$9.23
N. S. Rand, labor and expenses	138.50
E. B. Odiorne, labor	55.50
E. P. Clark, labor	52.50
P. N. Farrell, labor	48.00
Erven Philbrick, labor	1.50
A. C. Philbrick, labor	64.00
F. H. Rand, labor	48.00
H. S. Rand, labor	1.50

Waverley Holmes, engine	\$56.00	
W. S. Goss, cart	4.00	
F. G. Brown, gravel	8.00	
Charles Johnson, gravel	2.40	
-		
		\$489.13
Lafayette Road		
N. S. Rand, labor and expenses	\$64.50	
E. B. Odiorne, labor	28.50	
E. E. Chick, labor	13.50	
E. P. Clark, labor	9.00	
G. F. Haynes, labor	3.00	
A. A. Odiorne, labor	1.50	
E. H. Drake, labor	36.00	
E. J. Rand, labor	9.00	
J. D. Marston, labor	12.00	
Frank Peek, labor	18.00	
W. L. Marden, labor	6.00	
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		\$201.00
Road Oil		
Indian Refining Co., 11,748 gallons at 14		
cents\$	1,644.72	
Cressy Construction Co., spraying	240.00	
Standard Oil Co., 10 barrels patching oil	68.60	
Barrett Co., 10 barrels tarvia	89.64	
Boston and Maine Railroad, freight	17.79	
Rye Beach Precinct, 365 gallons at 16 cents	58.40	
	4	2,119.15
Rock Crusher		
Brackett, Shaw & Lunt Co., second hand		
crusher	\$600.00	
Interest on notes	7.88	
Freight	5.24	
		Ø010 10
		\$613.12

Wentworth Bridge

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J. A. Janvrin, plank	\$197.75	
Muchemore & Ryder Co., spikes, etc	25.09	
C. F. Prohaska, Jr., stock and labor	100.44	
Alfred Spinney, advice	5.00	
N. S. Rand, labor and expense	25.50	
E. B. Odiorne, labor and expense	15.00	
E. P. Clark, labor and expense	12.00	
E. E. Chiek, labor and expense	6.00	
A. A. Odiorne, labor and expense	9.00	
H. S. Rand, labor and expense	18.00	
E. J. Rand, labor and expense	5.00	
F. H. Rand	4.50	
		\$423.28
E. J. Rand, 4-inch plank		\$128.30
Bridge on Wallis Sands Roa	d	
J. A. Janvrin, lumber	\$10.12	
Littlefield Lumber Co., lumber	2.22	
Muchemore & Ryder Co., spikes, etc	1.10	
N. S. Rand, labor and expense	9.00	
H. S. Rand, labor and expense	3.00	
E. B. Odiorne, labor and expense	4.50	

\$29.94

\$6,735.03

Janitor's Report

For the year ending January 31, 1919

Town Hall Receipts

Jr. O. U. A. M	\$22.00
Grange	9.00
Jenness Beach	3.00
Locke reunion	2.00
E. O. T. Club	
Dances	6.00
Campfire Girls	2.00
Congregational Church	5.00
Piano	29.00
E. O. T. Club Dances Campfire Girls Congregational Church	2.00 6.00 2.00 5.00

\$80.00

B. L. RAMSDELL, Janitor.

Report of Trustees of Central Cemetery

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of the Town of Rye:

By authority of a vote of the town in the last annual meeting your Trustees have purchased from Mr. Horace Locke approximately 1.37 acres of land and the trees thereon, paying therefor the sum of \$650.00. Proper action has been started to acquire from the Congregational Society title to approximately one acre of the so-called parsonage field. There is also to be acquired a small area from the heirs of the late Albert Walker. Because of the conditions created by the war, title to these additional lands was not acquired until late in the year and for the same reason no improvement work has been attempted. In spite of the incompleteness of the new additions five lots have already been sold. With the war at an end your Trustees feel that the improvement of these new additions can and should be carried out during 1919.

Your Trustees have given much consideration during the year to the matter of perpetual care for all lots and how best to provide for the same. This is a vital and interesting subject to everyone and while, as yet, your Trustees have no definite plan to submit, the subject is brought to your attention in rder that suggestions may be made and a satisfactory solu-

tion of the problem ultimately be worked out. At the present time the Board holds as Trustees eleven funds for the care and maintenance of individual lots.

The following statement shows the financial operations for the year:

Receipts
Cash on hand, January 31, 1918\$192.07
Sale of lots, Mrs. Alfred Belcher 20.00
Mr. Herbert Reed 8.00
Mrs. Ardelle G. Marden 40.00
Mr. Irving W. Garland 40.00
Mr. William C. Philbrick 80.00
Mr. Charles B. Philbrick 40.00
Expenditures
L. H. Foss, for labor
A. C. Philbrick, labor
Lawn mower
Pump 7.50
Printing deeds 5.00
Cash on hand, January 31, 1919 328.57
\$420.07
Due from Charles O. Stillings
Trusts
Received from Moses Brown the sum of \$100.00
which is deposited in the Piscataqua Savings Bank.
The interest is to be used for the care of lots 2 and 25.
Received from the Executor of the estate of the late
Daniel W. Dalton, the sum of \$500.00
The income of which is to be used in the care and
maintenance of the Dalton Lot, No. 118. This
money is invested in United States Liberty Bonds,
bearing $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ interest.
Respectfully submitted. SHIRLEY S. PHILBRICK,
ALFRED C. PHILBRICK,

ALFRED C. PHILBRICK, LEWIS H. FOSS,

Trustees.

Report of the Commissioners of Rye Beach Precinct

LIGHTS

Rockingham County Light & Power Co.	
Lights for June and July\$149.76	3
Lights for August)
Lights for September 69.12	
Eight globes 9.82	2
Farragut House:	
Four lights for three months)
Attending to lights 19.20)
-	- \$393.10
FIRE PROTECTION	
Hampton Water Works Co., hydrants	\$700.00
POLICE SERVICE	
Edward Ramsdell)
John W. Jenness	
Arthur A. Jenness	
Horton D. Marden 9.00	
	- \$367.00
OILING ROADS	
The Barrett Co	\$216 . 00
MISCELLANEOUS	
Mary M. Spear, rent of room for post office. \$50.00)
John Mullette, labor)
Harry E. Carter, labor	Ł
	- \$106.54
	\$1,782.64

PRECINCT OFFICERS

Commissioners,

FRANCIS E. DRAKE,

R. Jenness Locke,

H. RUSSELL SAWYER.

Treasurer,

GILMAN M. LOUGEE.

Clerk,

Auditor,

ABBOTT B. DRAKE.

C. Austin Jenness.

Report of Library Trustees

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of the Town of Rye:

The past year has been one of growth and development for the Library. In a material way it has been enriched by several gifts of books, and articles of interest and value. In addition to those already mentioned in the Librarian's report, your Trustees have received from Mr. Ralph Marden two framed documents of historical interest. Even more important than the gifts themselves have been the interest and cooperation shown by the friends of the Library in many ways.

The Mary Tuck Rand Memorial Fund has been augmented by a generous gift of ten dollars from the Seaside Library Club, and also ten dollars from the Every Other Tuesday Club, and by smaller sums from members of the Every Other Tuesday Club, so that it has now reached the sum of \$132.10. The first books from this Fund will be purchased this spring.

The success of the Poster Exhibit, held in August, was such that there is now a small reserve fund for unexpected needs that may arise. Part of this money was expended in the framing of the original of Miss Rand's dedicatory speech, and in the printing of several hundred copies of the same, so that this valuable reminder of the founder's purpose is now within reach of all.

The bust of Daniel Webster has been repaired and restored, and suitably placed on a pedestal. The two blue spruce trees in front of the Library have been replaced by larger ones.

The income from the various trust funds has been in part expended. Up to 1918, your Trustees felt it wise to allow the interest to accumulate. Last year the "Harvard Classics" and the "Stoddard Lectures" were purchased from the Benjamin Webster income; and this year forty books on agricultural subjects (a list selected under the direct advice of Professor O'Kane, of the State College) have been purchased from the Disco Jenness Fund. The interest from the James Locke Fund is still untouched, but will be drawn upon the coming year,

As suggested in the last report, the Library has now grown to such a size that a complete and up-to-date cataloguing system must be installed, if the townspeople are to receive efficient service along reference lines. The generous gift of a filing cabinet from Mr. Decatur Parsons, of New York City, is the first step to this end. It is a task necessitating the services of a professional cataloguer for a period of time. The estimated cost of this, together with necessary increased administrative expenses which the Board of Trustees is facing for the coming year, makes it advisable that the town should appropriate more money for library purposes for 1919.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN F. PHILBRICK, CHARLES M. REMICK, WILLIAM H. LOCKE,

Trustees.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

For the Year ending January 31, 1919

Receipts,		
Cash on hand, February 1, 1919	\$24.72	
Received from Town Treasurer, appropriation	650.00	
		\$674.72
Expenditures		
Paid Fred Woods, repairing furnace	\$4.00	
R. P. Caproni, repairing bust	5.00	
C. E. Walker & Co., coal	58.50	
CI and the city of	131.01	
Helen C. Drake, salary Librarian	175.00	
Alfred C. Philbrick, teaming coal	10.00	
Gilman P. Goss, cord pine wood	9.00	
Crowley & Lunt, directory	4.50.	
John Templeton, Exeter News-Letter	3.00	
Fred D. Parsons, teaming coal	2.00	

Paid Old Corner Book Store, books \$16.43
R. L. Costello, tree wire 5.60
George F. Parsons, salary Janitor 70.00
Percy E. Jewell, Y. M. C. A. magazines 1.25
Portsmouth News Agency, magazines . 23.75
Pryor-Davis Co., hardware
Rockingham County Light & Power Co.,
lighting
Willard Jenness, cord pine wood 15.00
Helen C. Drake, books and express 60.90
Charles M. Remick, postage, phone calls,
etc
graphed grand
Total expenditures
Total receipts
Cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1919\$30.27
We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts
and find them correct and properly vouched.
. D. W. 70.00
A. R. H. FOSS,
R. JENNESS LOCKE,
Auditors.
Investments
J. Disco Jenness fund, deposited in Portsmouth
Savings Bank
Benjamin F. Webster fund, deposited in Portsmouth
Trust & Guarantee Co. Bank 500.00
James H. Locke fund, deposited in Portsmouth Trust

& Guarantee Co. Bank.....

James H. Locke tree fund, deposited in Portsmouth Trust & Guarantee Co. Bank.....

Mary Tuck Rand Memorial fund, deposited in Portsmouth Savings Bank.....

CHARLES M. REMICK, Treasurer.

500.00

1.85

132.10

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

To the Trustees of the Rye Public Library:

The following is the seventh annual report of the Rye Public Library:

Number of volumes, Jan. 31, 1918	3,175
Total number of volumes, Jan. 31, 1919	3,452
Number of volumes replaced	135
Increase for year	277
Number of magazines subscribed	19
Number of magazines presented	10
Total number of magazines	29
Average circulation each opening	75
Largest circulation	128
Smallest circulation	8
Number of borrowers' cards issued	92
Total number of borrowers' cards	.736
Amount of money taken for dues	6.10
Amount of money left from last year	.73
	6.83
Amount spent for desk supplies	3.51
	3.32

Books have been presented to the Library by:

Mrs. Charles D. Garland.
Mrs. George Haynes.
Mrs. John Locke.
Mrs. Mattie Holmes.
Dr. Percy G. Drake.
Mrs. R. Jenness Locke
Friends.
James H. Locke Collection.
Mrs. Eliza Marden.

Magazines presented by:

Mr. John L. Parsons.
Mr. Thomas Parsons.
Mrs. T. Herbert Perkins
Mary Baker Eddy Fund.
Friends.
Mr. Fred D. Parsons.
Miss Sophila Fove.

During the year several boxes of books and magazines have been sent to the soldiers, and the Librarian has received letters from the Y. M. C. A. Secretary, expressing great appreciation. Many of the townspeople have brought to the Library books and magazines for this purpose, and hearty thanks are extended to all who have so kindly aided in the great drive for books.

Through the efforts of Mrs. John E. Locke, two pictures of historical value have been presented from the James H. Locke collection; also a number of valuable books. A specimen of a porcupine fish was sent by Mrs. Edgar R. Champlin, to be placed in the cabinet, where it has attracted the attention of all visitors.

A fine filing cabinet of library oak has been presented by Mr. William Decatur Parsons. This is a much needed addition, and we hope through the aid of the town to make our equipment for cataloguing the books complete.

To meet the demands of the public for war books and some of the new fiction, an exhibit of War Posters and sale of war goods was held at the Library in August. This exhibit was very successful, both financially and in drawing the attention of our summer guests to the fact that our Library is free to all who wish to use it. The success of this exhibit was greatly aided by the support given by Mr. and Mrs. Francis E. Drake.

Amount cleared from sale	
Amount spent for books, etc	
Amount in Portsmouth Savings	Bank 105.54

School Report

SCHOOL OFFICERS

Moderator,

NEWELL P. MARDEN.

School Clerk,

EMMA L. Foss.

School Board,

Wallace S. Goss.

AGNES E. PERKINS.

WILLARD M. JENNESS.

Treasurer,

FRED D. PARSONS.

Truant Officer,

WILLARD M. JENNESS.

Superint endent,

C. H. WALKER.

Teachers,

Jane Newton (Principal) Junior High
HAZEL COBB (Assistant)Junior High
Edith Clough (Primary)
Esther Baker
Manela Smith East
Pearl A. BoutwellSouth

Music Teacher, Ernest P. Bilbruck

Janitors,

George S. Walker	. Wedgewood	School
SHIRLEY BROWN	$\dots West$	School
NELLIE COAKLEY	\dots East	School
Mrs. Frank Brown	South	School

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

To the Citizens of Rye:

Our District Superintendent, Mr. Carl Cotton, having resigned at the end of the school year to accept a position at West Springfield, Mass., we elected at our district meeting Mr. C. H. Walker for the ensuing year. Although a new man in our district and having a serious setback at the first of the school year when we were obliged to close our schools, due to the epidemic, he is working faithfully with the teachers, and, although owing to the resignation of three of our last year's teachers, we were obliged to make changes in our teaching force at the beginning of the school year, both Superintendent and teachers have taken up the work and become familiar with the pupils and are managing the schools very successfully.

We were very fortunate to retain the services of Miss Jane Newton, at the Junior High School; Miss Pearl Boutwell, at the South, and Miss Esther Baker, at the West, and we secured Miss Hazel Cobb, as assistant to Miss Newton; Miss Edith Clough, at the Wedgewood Primary, and Miss Manela Smith, at the East School; Mr. Ernest P. Bilbruck, as Music Teacher.

We find at the present time that our schools are in a very satisfactory condition, the teachers interested in their work, and the pupils making good progress.

We have paid the last note due on the addition to the Wedgewood Schoolhouse, and also purchased an addition to the playground at the back of the Wedgewood School lot, containing about one acre, and had the same walled in, making a good playground at the back and away from the road.

Our financial year ends August 31, 1918. We will give the financial report from February 1 to August 31, 1918. A careful estimate of our needs for the coming year leads us to submit to the selectmen the following to be raised according to P. S. 882,

For the support of schools required by lav		
Books and supplies		600.00
Flags and appurtenances		15.00
High School tuition		600.00
Fuel		600.00
Repairs		350.00
Salaries of School Officers		99.00
Janitors' salaries		475.00
Transportation of pupils		180.00
Superintendent's salary		300.00
Miscellaneous		350.00
Slate blackboards		100.00
Junior High School expenses		800.00
Music Teacher's salary		250.00
Pupils Attending the Portsmouth	High School	
Pauline Davidson.	Selma Sterli	ing.
Evelyn Brown.	Vivian Jenn	iess.
Bernice Brown.	Marion Far	rell.
Marjorie Mitchell.	Arthur Pars	sons.
Martha Fraser.		
TEACHERS' EXPENS	SES	
Carl Cotton, Superintendent of Schools .	\$315.00	
Jane Newton, Junior High School		
Natalie Ewer, Junior High School		
Josephine Brown, Junior High School		
May DeRochemont, Junior High School		
Helen Bugbee, Junior High School		
Josephine Brown, Wedgewood Primary .		
Bertha Ware, Wedgewood Primary		
Marion Green, Wedgewood Primary		
Margaret Kiley, Wedgewood Primary		
Pearl Boutwell, South School		
Florence Patterson, East School		
Esther Baker, West School		
Lucy M. Hoyt, Music Teacher	4	

JANITORS' EXPENSES
Alex Brown, South School \$8.80
Mrs. Frank Brown, South School 32.40
Shirley Brown, West School 50.50
George S. Walker, Wedgewood School 105.00
Nellie Coakley, East School 42.00
\$238.70
TUITIONS
Portsmouth High School, winter term \$270.00
Portsmouth High School, spring term 270.00
\$540.00
DOOLS AND SUDDITES
BOOKS AND SUPPLIES
Carl Cotton
Belcher & Loomis Furniture Co 5.31
Pryor Davis Co. 1.88
Edward E. Babb & Co
Scott Foresman & Co
Oval S. Koster 4 . 25
Beekley Cardy Co
D. McWerton & Co
J. L. Hammett & Co
Milton Bradley Co
Silver Burdett & Cc
McMillan Co
George B. French Co 2.65
\$183.33
FLAG ACCOUNT
Melzgar Bros
FUEL
Willard M. Jenness, wood
C. E. Walker Co., coal
C. A. Goss, teaming coal
A. C. Philbrick, teaming coal 5.00

TRANSPORTATION

Boston & Maine Electric Railway		.\$85.00
MISCELLANEOUS		
Willard M. Jenness, telephone, postage, etc.	\$11.05	
Pryor Davis Co	9.06	
Sugden Bros., lumber for manual training	15.30	
Masury Young Co	1.50	
A. R. H. Foss, order books	2.75	
Carl Cotton, expenses, telephone, postage, etc.	28.89	
Shirley Brown, cleaning West School and vault	10.00	
Mrs. E. E. Seavey, cleaning East Schoolhouse	8.00	
-		\$86.55
EXTRAORDINARY		
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Clemons, playground		\$200.00
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Clemons, playground RECAPITULATION		\$200.00
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RECAPITULATION		\$200.00
RECAPITULATION Teachers' salaries	,765.25	\$200.00
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RECAPITULATION Teachers' salaries \$1 Janitors Tuition Books and supplies Flag account Fuel	,765 .25 238 .70 540 .00 183 .33 3 .84 445 .79	\$200.00
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\$3,548.46

Respectfully submitted,

WALLACE S. GOSS, AGNES E. PERKINS, WILLARD M. JENNESS,

School Board.

A. R. H. FOSS, R. JENNESS LOCKE,

Auditors.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr Chairman and Members of the School Board of Rye:

I have the pleasure to submit my first annual report of the condition of the schools of Rye.

Since assuming the office of Superintendent of this district, I have devoted, as nearly as possible, about six twenty-seconds of my time to the schools of Rye. I have attended two conferences for superintendents of the state, one at Keene for the week beginning August 20th, and one at Concord in October. I have held one general teachers' meeting with all teachers of the district and one special meeting with the teachers of Rye. I have not been able to hold as many meetings with the teachers as I would have liked, due to the fact that the work has been so broken up, on account of several sieges of the influenza epidemic. I have had many private conferences with the teachers, when I have given assistance, suggestions and directions regarding school management and methods of instruction.

You have been very fortunate in having an excellent corps of teachers, who were familiar with their schools and the work of the same, with few exceptions, viz.: Miss Manella V. Smith at the East School, Miss Edyth Clough at the Center Primary and Miss Hazel Cobb as assistant in the Junior High. The latter, although new teachers in our schools, have taken up their work with a vim and are teaching and managing their schools successfully. All our teachers are working faithfully and getting good results. Their scholarship is excellent and their understanding and practice of the most recent investigations of correct pedagogical practice is especially good. They have taken kindly any criticisms or suggestions I have offered and there is a fine spirit of co-operation among them.

The work in all the schools has been much broken into and slowed up, due to the epidemic, and it seems doubtful to me, since we have lost so many weeks, whether we can make them all up, and therefore accomplish all the required work of the

State Program, without, at least, keeping later than usual in the spring term. I know the teachers are all endeavoring to the best of their ability to cover all the necessary work, but it will not pay to do the work so hurriedly as not to do it thoroughly.

During the months of December and January, we have been giving standard tests to all the pupils in the district, in the fundamental subjects, reading, writing, spelling, composition and arithmetic, beginning with the fourth grade pupils. These tests and the method of administering and scoring of them have been practically the same or similar to tests which have been given in previous years and which I have found your former superintendent explained somewhat in detail, in his report of two years ago, so I will not use any space at this time to describe the same. I have not been able to get the records in full and tabulate the results of these tests as yet; besides, I have not been able to find the records of such tests for the last few years, so have no former results to compare them with. However, the results of these tests will be preserved, and I plan to conduct similar tests next spring term, and we shall thus "hang up" tentative standards, which we shall expect our pupils and teachers to attain to or to excel.

I believe the new program for our Junior High School, which the board adopted last summer and which received the approval of the State Superintendent, is working out well. This program calls for concrete work in several fields of knowledge, because it is believed that the development of the child in this period does not respond readily to drill and abstraction. The subjects are inspirational, instructive and experimental, in fact, most of the subjects of the Junior High School may be said to be there largely for explorational purposes. The boy or girl at this time of life little knows what vocation or profession he may later wish to follow, so we believe in bringing him in touch with many fields of knowledge, such as Mathematics, History, Foreign Language, Science, and the Domestic and Practical Arts; and by so-

doing he frequently finds where his real interests lie, i.e., he sort of finds himself.

The organization of our schools in Rye is excellent and our buildings are better for school purposes than those to be found in most towns under similar conditions, in fact, I believe we have here one of the best, if not the best rural school system in New England. However, our system is not perfect, but may be improved in some minor details. For instance, most of our blackboards are of plaster, wood or fibre, and quite readily become glazed, thus causing much eye strain to teachers and pupils. These should gradually be replaced by slate boards.

At both the West and the South schools the light is opposite and insufficient, whereas it should, preferably, be all from the left of the pupils or from the left and rear. The best authorities say that we should have one foot of light for every four feet of floor space. These defects in lighting could be remedied at very little expense by cutting in windows on the proper side and using those which are now on the right of the pupils. The seats at the South School would have to be reversed, however.

Another thing which has been suggested and discussed at some length at the meetings of the Parent-Teachers' Association is the installing of electric lights in the building at the Center. This is surely the proper thing to do, but not only in the Center School, but in all the others as well, just as soon as it seems feasible to the Board. Teachers and pupils all suffer from much eye strain due to poor light, particularly during perhaps the last half hour or hour in the afternoon in the late fall and early winter. We recommend that the Board take the proper measures to bring this matter before the voters at the next district meeting, as it would require a special appropriation.

Now, that we have the first four years of Junior High approved and well organized, it is a question to my mind if we should not continue the organization into the last two years' work or the work of the Senior High. This could be

done at no very great expense and the saving in tuition, which is now paid for the last two years of our pupils in Portsmouth High, would in a very few years more than offset any additional cost at this time. To add the last two years, we would have to finish off another room upstairs for a recitation room and for laboratory work in the Sciences and also employ a third teacher, as the present corps of two teachers are teaching just as many classes a day as it is possible for them to. I suppose it will be necessary to provide the laboratory facilities needed for teaching Physics another year, any way, as the State Superintendent in a letter to me last fall told me he would not be able to approve the tenth grade another year, unless we had made provision to teach Physics.

One thing, which I believe might tend to hold a great many boys in school longer and build up our High School is the introduction of a full four years' course in Agriculture. With all the rich farms about Rye, it would seem to me that this would be an ideal place for a first class Agricultural High School, in order to educate our boys back to the farm instead of away to the city, as has been done so much everywhere in past years. Now that the World War is over, during the period of reconstruction, scientific farming is sure to be one of the most important vocations of many of the boys of our land. Many of the professions and trades are overcrowded, but the young man, scientifically trained for successful farming, has a wonderful opportunity for a happy, healthful, prosperous life. The world must be fed and some of us must till the soil or none can prosper.

As to the course in Agriculture, the Federal Government has recently come to the aid of the States by the passage of the Smith-Hughes Act, which appropriates federal money to be apportioned to the States on the basis of population, to be expended through the public schools for the purpose of affording the youth of our land opportunity for education in agriculture, home economics and in trades and industries. By this means we could get additional State Aid up to possibly about \$500 for instruction in Agriculture. The man engaged for this

work could well act as principal, teaching all the Sciences and some of the Mathematics. If there is a demand for such a course in our community, I believe we should consider it.

I suggest that the Board, if anything, increase their recommendations for appropriations, since nearly everything, supplies, fuel, wages, etc., is on the increase. There is, especially, a very severe teacher shortage, the greater demand tending to increase wages materially. The opinion of educators everywhere is that the present is no time to retrench, but rather the schools, the keystone to sound American citizenship, should be kept at the highest point of efficiency possible.

Mr. Ernest P. Bilbruck, whom we engaged as Supervisor of Music last November, is getting excellent results and all the teachers report that the pupils have taken renewed interest in Music. For further information regarding the work in Music, I refer you to his report, which I have appended and made a part of this report. If we cannot afford at this time to purchase a good second hand piano for the Junior High School, I recommend that we hire one for a time as Mr. Bilbruck suggests, as one is much needed in that school for chorus work.

We have collected some school statistics for 1917-1918 as a part of this report, from a study of which you will see your per cent. of attendance for last year decreased by 4.78 and the number of cases of tardiness increased from 90 to 106. This is a creditable record when we consider the exceedingly severe winter we experienced last year. Most of the towns of this district fell down quite badly in this respect last year. Of course, our attendance this year has been lowered somewhat, due to the prevailing influenza epidemic; however, to date, it has been nearly as high as the average for last year. The attendance problem is one of our big problems and one of great injury to the best work of the schools. We appeal to the parents for their co-operation, in order that we may have better attendance and even less tardiness in the future.

In conclusion, I wish to express my gratitude to all the teachers for their loyalty and co-operation in trying to make

our schools what they ought to be, and to you, the Members of the School Board, for your support and advice.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. WALKER.

Exeter, N. H., February 15, 1919.

SCHOOL STATISTICS

Attendance

School and Teacher	Girls	Av. Daily Attendance	Cases of Tardiness	Per cent. Attendance
Junior High19	27	37.83	18	91.91
Jane Newton, Principal				
Natalie Ewer, Mary de				
Rochemont, and Helen				
Bugbee, Assts.				
<i>Primary</i> 14	16	22.3	8	90.00
Josephine M. Brown				
South 21	9	24.08	21	91.66
Pearl A. Boutwell				
West 3	5	12.82	43	88.65
Esther L. Baker				
East	12	27.03	16	88.19
Florence M. Patterson				

Visits: By School Board, 16; by Superintendent, 135; by others, 176.

Promotion and Retardation

Grades 1 No. Promoted11							7 13	8 13		Total
No. not promoted 1 No. not pro-							2			4
moted on second trial			3							3
Average age Sept. 15.8	7.2	8.2	9.1	10.	5 1	11.5	12.7	5 13.2	14.2	
	npar	ativ	еТ	able	for	r Fiv	ve Y	ears		
	19	17-1	8 1	916-	17	191	5-16	1914-	15 19	913-14
Total No. Pupils	.14	9	1	40		141		133	18	51
Average Membership		7.3	1	25.3	5	123		117	15	25
Average daily a tendance		4.06	1	17.8	4	114	.92	111	11	18
Per cent. of attend										
dance				94.8	8	94	.24	95.1	Ì	
Tardy cases				90		158		88	-	38
No. in high School	l .			32		33		33		11
Enrollment by Grades, Fall, 1918										
Grades		. 1	2	3	4	5	6	7 8	9 10	Total
Junior High							1	6 13 1	14 7	50
South										30
Primary		. 4	4	3	6	7	6.			30
West		. 5		7	8		4 .	6.		24
East		.10	3	6	4	7				30
Total		.22	13	23	19	19	18 1	6 13 1	4 7	164

ROLL OF HONOR

Perfect Attendance Four Years
Jessie Mitchell

Perfect Attendance Three Years
Florence Rand

Perfect Attendance One Year

Pearl Berry

Sarah Roberts

Perfect Attendance Two Terms

Leonard SeaveyEdward MortonClyde RootLeRoy WhitakerElmer BrownEdytha BrownCarrie OdiorneDorothy ChickHazel Sterling

Perfect Attendance One Term

Doris Walker Willis Godfrey Hazel White Mary Philbrick Charles Rand Horace Trefethen William White Grace Berry Catherine Downs Ruth Seavey Eleda Millette Elizabeth White Helen Morton Charles Rawding Harry Brown Kenneth Whitaker Ernest Tucker Arline Bennett Merton Berry Waldo Philbrick Elinor Rand Herbert Yeaton Lena Wilson

Mr. C. H. Walker, Superintendent of Schools, Rye, N. H.:

Dear Sir.—Music in the public schools is classed next to the three R's by many of the leading educational men of the day.

As a means of brightening and upholding an interest in school life it has no equal, if properly presented and used in a judicious manner.

The aim of school music is not to turn out professional musicians, although some of the children become such, but to create and stimulate an interest and love for music which will carry over into the home and community life after the school days are over.

To the end of school days the child should be taught to use the voice in a light pleasing manner. To learn to distinguish different kinds of songs. To interpret the words as well as music intelligently. To gain a knowledge of the major and minor scales and their different positions on the staff.

Also to become familiar with the many tonal and rhythm combinations and the characters which make up a musical vocabulary, all of which leads to a better understanding and appreciation of the songs we all love to sing, home, patriotic, and the songs by the great masters.

The work in the primary grades for the preceding months has been all rote work. Rote songs from any reliable source have been used. These songs are of a suitable range to fit the tender childish voice of this age. Simple vocal drills with loo, la, lay, etc., to develop a light flute like quality. Scale work from imitation and direction.

The four elementary grades (4-6) have taken up vocal drills, tonal dictation (ear-training) and rhythm of one and two equal tones with a beat. Also the dotted beat note. A few rote songs, and songs and exercises from the books.

In regard to the Junior High School, the work has proved very interesting. Each voice has been tested and classified. A start has been made in three part work, soprano, alto and bass. The material is rather limited, and the need of a piano is very evident. At present an organ of limited volume is serving as accompaniment. It is planned to have some of the pupils who are studying piano take turns as an accompanist, thereby gaining actual experience in that line of instrumental work. A school orchestra will be organized later, as a number of pupils are interested in instrumental music.

In closing I wish to thank the Superintendent and teachers for their splendid co-operation, and when the school year closes I sincerely hope the results will be satisfactory to all.

Yours respectfully,

ERNEST P. BILBRUCK, Supervisor of Music.

School Treasurer's Report

From January 31, 1918, to September 1, 1918,

Receipts
Cash on hand January 31, 1918 \$492.91
From Town Treasurer:
School appropriation 4,050.00
Esther L. Baker, error
Boston & Maine Railroad, rebate on ticket
books4.00
\$4,558.91
Expenditures
Paid on School Board's orders \$3,548.46
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1918

\$4,558.91

FREDERICK D. PARSONS, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correct and properly vouched.

A. R. H. FOSS, R. JENNESS LOCKE,

Auditors:

BIRTHS Registered in the Town of Rye for the year ending December 31, 1918

Birthplace of Mother.	New Brunswick. Portsmouth. Eliot, Me. Amesbury, Ms. Portsmouth. Marion, Mass.
Birthplace of Father.	Rye Lewis, N. Y. Rye St. Louis Seymore, Ind.
Maiden Name of Mother.	Annie Trefethen Ruth B. Laighton Florena M. Parker Iona A. Walker Olive M. Downs Ida B. Gurney
Name of Father,	Austin Trefethen William E. Carter Orin C. Beasley Irving Jenness Fred A. Mol! John Blisch
Living or Still- born.	HHHHH
No. of Child.	
Name of Child (if any).	Phyllis Mary L. Dorothy A. John
Date	Jan. 20 Mar. 22 May 4 June 17 July 9 Aug. 21

MARRIAGES Registered in the Town of Rye, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1918

Date		The state of the s	-	The state of the s	Control of the last of the las	Name and Address of the Owner, where	· ·
	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of groom and bride.	Age in years.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Condition	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom narried.
June 12 Ryc	yc	Thomas S. Blumer Anne W. Scott	30 N	Utica, N. Y. Jamest'n, R. I.	George A. Blumer Helen A. Spriggs Henry C. Scott Bertha W. Drake	1st	William B. Olmsted, Clergyman, Pomfret, Conn.
June 12 Ex	Exeter	William E. Rieb Hazel F. Jones	36 W	W England Exeter	Ann Smith Loren I. Jones Florence Frenyear Frank O. Casuall	lst "	Charles A. Towne, Clergyman, Haverhill, Ms.
Aug. 15 Po	Portsmouth	Charles H. Caswell Mary A. J. Reardon	22 22 3	W Rye England	Martha J. Randall John Reardon Catherine Courtney	1st	Rollin S. Tuttle, Clergyman, Portsmouth.
Oct. 10 Rye	ye	Bernard J. Haynes Edna E. Sanborn	36 W	V Newmarket Rye	Franklin F. Haynes Nellie J. Perkins Charles H. Sanborn Ella M. Caswell	2d 1st	James W. Flagg, Clergyman, Rye.
Nov. 16 Rye	ye	Edgar M. Brooks Doris J. Brown	28 V 21 S	W Kittery, Me. Rye	William A. Brooks Abbie H. Cole Frank G. Brown Hattie D. Dow	1st	James W. Flagg, Clergyman, Rye,
Nov. 28 Rye	ye	Frederick J. Rieb Stella V. Millette	33 W	W Rye Rye	P. William Rieb Ann Smith John Millette Augusta Ericison	1st 	James W. Flagg, Clergyman, Rye.

DEATHS Registered in the Town of Rye, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1918

Maiden Name of Mother.	Julia Goldspring. Azuba Eads. Elizabeth N. Smith. Harriet E. Keen. Clara Perkins. Emma Spooner. Mary Jane Jane Thornton. Clarissa D. Knowles. Alma B. Stevens. Sarah Leavitt. Grace Caswell. Clinta C. Knowles. Sarah A. Garland. Julia Gratiot. Louise Swenson. Katherine Kearnes. Ann Smith. Neller T. Rand. Fulsa M. Balch.	Temperance Langdon.
Name of Father.	Dennis McGrath Elijah Clough Daniel A. Harvey Warren W. Keene Fred Philbrick Cyrus J. Belcher Daniel Dalton Albion D. Parsons Oliver Adams Samuel Allen Joseph J. Drake Joseph J. Drake Hed B. Fontaine Fred B. Fontaine Edgar J. Rand Robinson Foss Daniel Brown Charles P. Chouteau Anders Swenson Thomas F. Birchall P. William Rieb William C. Philbrick William C. Philbrick William C. Philbrick Charles F. Trefethen	Joseph L. Seavey
Single, Married or Widowed.	SON THE TOO THE SON TH	S
Color		-
Male or Female.	H K : E H : K : E H K : E E E E E E E E E E E E E E E E E E	M W
Place of Birth,	Ireland Rye Nottingham Rye Rye Rye Rye Winthrop, Ms. Rye Portsmouth Lubec, Me. Rye	Rye
Days.	201010101010101010101010101010101010101	20
Months. Years.	81	78 10 20
Name and surname of Deceased.	James McGrath George A. Clough George A. Green Imogene K. Reed Harold L. Philbrick James A. Betcher Hannah Wilson Mary A. Goodwin Daniel W. Dalton Frank E. Parsons Emma C. Ridge Ruth A. Myers Adams E. Drake Harriet J. Goss Clara E. Foss Matthew Roberton Matthew Roberton Matthe Roberton Matthe Roberton Anne C. Johnson Henry D. Foss Moses Brown Katherine B. Whittaker William E. Rieb Stillborn Katherine B. Whittaker Stillborn Martherie B. Whittaker Stillborn Katherine B. Whittaker Stillborn Marchine B. Whittaker Stillborn Marchine B. Whittaker	
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Date	Jan. Feb. Mar. May June July Aug. Sept. Oct.	Dec.

